Color to Characterize Homecoming

TERESITA OSTA—lovely interpreter of Spanish and Latin-American dances, and her pianist brother, Eilio, will appear at St. Joseph's, October 30, as the second presentation of the Speckbaugh Memorial Theatre Series.

The series opened last month with a concert by Richard Bonelli. Had Father Paul Speckbaugh been there his heart would have sung along with the Metropolitan baritone; he knew so well how to cherish something truly beautiful.

The programs will be presented through the years in memory of the priest-professor who was killed by a passing car Oct. 8, 1944, at the very moment he was discussing the possibilities of a theatre series.

Studies Embalming

Engaged in the manufacture of war packaging material during the conflict, Wallace L. Brining, '31-'32, is an apprentice embalmer at present at the Kirby Mortuary, Indianapolis. He lives at 1901 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis 7.

Requiescant

Engaged in the building of airplanes for the government, Herbert Reed, '16-'20, was killed in a plane accident Sept. 8, 1945. His home was in Knox, Ind.

Alexander C. Birkmeier, '01-'03, of 2307 Forest Park Blvd., Ft. Wayne 3, Ind., died May 13, 1946.

Game Time Set for Two P. M.

Dance at Nine In Local Armory

Homecoming week-end—which will feature the St. Joe-Indiana State game October 19—should be a colorful affair judging from arrangements that are being made by the Rev. Edward A. Maziarz, C.PP.S., Student Welfare Director, and Robert Taugher, president of the Raleigh Club.

A bonfire will be lighted and a pep rally held on Friday night. By that time students will be putting finishing touches to their hall decorations. A plaque will be awarded for the most cleverly decorated building.

The game will start at 2 p. m. Saturday on Rensselaer's athletic field.

That night the Homecoming dance will feature the music of Del Baker's orchestra.

Both Rensselaer hotels report that all their rooms have been reserved for the week end. Some alumni have been placed in private homes.

Judging from the tough time Indiana State gave Butler, a busy homecoming afternoon awaits the Pumas. The Sycamores led the Bulldogs 7 to 6 until the last 25 seconds, when Butler connected on a wild pass and scored the winning touchdown.

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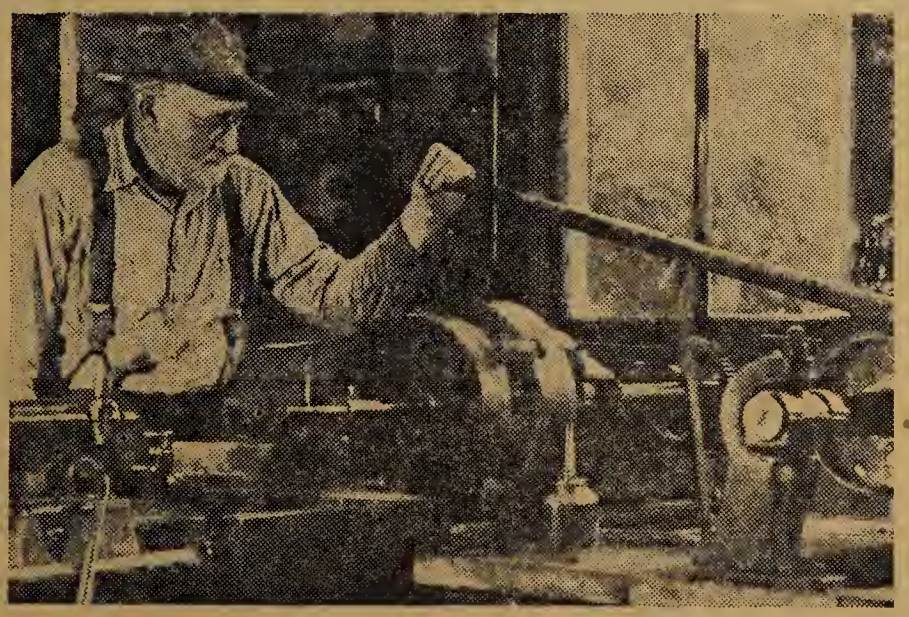
Husband of Twins Insurance Broker

Thomsa J. Daily, '15-'17, is proprietor of a furniture and appliance store at 308 E. Main St., Washington, Ind. At his home over on 325 S. E. Seventh, he husbands a pair of twins—boy and girl aged fifteen—and Hermandine Kroeger Daily, their mother.

Tom was track manager while at St. Joe. He played one year of varsity basketball and three years of varsity baseball, meanwhile completing the commercial course then offered.

Marquette Gains Adds Vince to Staff

Marquette University, Milwaukee, improved its English department appreciably this semester by placing Vincent Giese, '45, on the teaching staff. Vince began work in journalism for his Master of Arts degree there summer before last, after winning a Bachelor's degree at St. Joe in philosophy. At the end of this summer's term he completed all his work and passed the comprehensive examinations with honors.



BROTHER HENRY OLBERDING, C.PP.S., turned off the switch last month and left the lathe in the college machine shop for other hands to guide. He is at the Precious Blood Mission House, Box 1788, Charlottesville, Va., doing work of a lighter nature and enjoying his retirement after many years of faithful service at St. Joseph's.

Cathedral Pastor Dies In Ft. Wayne

One of St. Joseph's best-known alumni, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas M. Conroy, '91-'96, died Oct. 9. Msgr. Conroy was rector of the Cathedral in Fort Wayne. Through the years he had appointments to parishes in Portland, Anderson, Monroeville, and Crawfordsville.

The name Conroy is linked with many "firsts" at St. Joseph's. He was first secretary of the C.L.S. and first adjutant of the college military organization. He entered the college the first year of its existence and gave the class oration at its first commencement.

Pages of old Collegians reveal that Thomas M. Conroy was a president of the C.L.S., a president of the Alumni Association, always on the student honor roll, fullback on the Defenders, and winner of many debates.

Thank You! -- Editor

A gratifying number have returned the questionnaire mailed to all alumni during September. Those who have laid it aside, intending to set down the requested information about themselves later, are requested to do this immediately. Their doing so will obviate the necessity of sending a second questionnaire, which will take valuable time. Time is the unknown quantity in the alumni office.

Equally gratifying are the returns from the first request for a gift to the "Alumni Sustaining Fund,' the practice which is replacing the former set annual dues and subscription to Contact. Perhaps we should not have sent this notice together with the questionnaire, for some evidently overlooked the letter as others may have overlooked the questionnaire.

If you have not sent in either—the questionnaire or your gift—this is a timely reminder.

Association Officers Meet

First meeting of the officers of the alumni association is set for October 19—Homecoming—soon after the football game. There are many things on the agenda list. November issue of **CONTACT** will carry the official report.

What's in a Name

Who can suggest the appropriate name for the building which houses the auditorium, the library, music department, classrooms, science laboratories, not to mention the Raleigh Club and a study hall and dormitory?

Wally Offers Suggestion

Wally Brining suggests printing addresses and occupations of former students in **CONTACT** to give employers an opportunity to contact men from St. Joe for their establishments.

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One Butch Plays Marine Other Counts Out Pills

Wilfred J. (Butch) Ullrich's request, penned on the back of his returned questionnaire, for a story about another Butch—Joe (Butch) Reardon, was timely. The two were classmates, '21-'25. A letter came from Butch II Oct. 3.

It's Captain J. J. Reardon, USMC, Room 3236, Hq., U. S. Marine Corps, Washington 25, D. C., without a moment's delay, for everyone will want that address, as everyone will want to write to Butch right now.

Well, let's tell some of the story in Butch's own words:

> At the outbreak of war in the Pacific I was serving in the Philippines (Manila) attached to the U.S.S. Houston on the staff of the Commander in Chief of the Asiatic fleet. At that particular time I was living ashore.
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> Shortly after the war commenced, we were bombed completely 'out.' Most of us lost everything we had. Most of my personal effects that had any value to me had been sent back to the states with the exception of one trunk, and in that trunk was my diploma from St. Joseph's. I find myself wondering whether it is possible to replace it.
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> After leaving St. Joe in June, 1925, I began the fall term at Notre Dame. But as I couldn't settle down, I joined the Marine Corps and have remained with the Marines since. Because I have been in Nicaragua, China, or at sea most of the time, I have not been in contact with the school.

In the recent war, Joe first served aboard the Houston, one of the first ships lost in actual ship to ship combat. Then he served on Bataan and later on Corregidor. There he was seriously wounded, captured by the Japs, and remained a prisoner of war until last September.

Joe's war record reads as follows: "Meritorious Conduct in Action"—two commendations; "Gallantry in Action"—Silver Star medal and later the Purple Heart; "Bravery in Action"—Bronze Star. He also served with a unit that twice won the Distinguished Unit Citation of the Army and the Presidential Unit Citation of the Navy.

With a Ph.C. degree from Notre Dame in 1925, Wilfred J. (Butch) Ullrich, '21-'25, (403 Main St., Aurora, Ind., is not only proprietor of the Ullrich Drug Store there; his list of civic, recreational, and lodge activities comprise a litany.

There are the Boy Scouts. Butch is active in that organization; a committeeman, he is past scout master. He's past treasurer of the Dearborn County Tuberculosis Association; past secretary, for two years, of the Aurora Rotary Club; past president of the Aurora Commercial Club and a director today; member of the Cincinnati Lodge No. 5 of Elks and of the Laurenceburg-Aurora Lodge of Moose.

That's only the "Ora pro nobis" part. In the "Libera nos Domine" section, Butch is a Grand Knight of the Aurora Council of K of C's, executive committee member of the Indiana Pharmaceutical Association—past second and first vice-president, director of the Aurora Farmers Fair association, and secretary of the Southeastern Indiana Drug Company.

Had Butch wanted to, no doubt he could have listed a "Te rogamus audi nos" division of extra-pharmaceutical-chemist activities. In all, he has enough jobs for six men. But at that, "vos rogo audite me," he doesn't have to sweat out his Sunday afternoon writing copy for CONTACT.

Courts in Making

Ten new tennis courts are under construction to the north-east of the fieldhouse. Of dark concrete, when finished they will replace the six clay courts which lie to the south of this building.

All excavation work has been completed and the gravel base for thorough drainage filled in and tamped. Concrete will be poured as soon as the cement arrives.

J Cafe Enlarged

In keeping with the enlargement program being carried out about the campus, even the J Cafe has caught expansionitis. The J made a few alterations recently which amounted to the addition of about thirty-five fect more of counter space. Besides the addition of another counter, freezers, coolers, and an ice box are so arranged as to give the extra counter footage.

Tie for First Place

With the odds of distance in his favor, August T. Schulthesis, Academy '42-'43, won first honors by delivering in person his questionnaire and gift to the Alumni Sustaining Fund. After thirty months in the armed service, twenty-four of them overseas, August has returned to St. Joe as a college freshman. He is from Vincennes, Ind.

Edward P. Houk, '13-'14, and Maurice A. Gutgsell, '38-'42, were tie for first place by mail. A veteran of World War I, Mr. Houk is proprietor of the Houk Merchandise Shop, 311 Sixteenth St., Logansport, Ind. The Logansport Chamber of Commerce, the Retailors of Indiana, and the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus claim his membership.

Three to one is Ed's choice of boys over girls in his fine family of four.

Down Jasper, Ind., way Maurice has a bookkeeper and assistant office manager position with the Jasper Cabinet Co. He is married to the former Louise Fritch. Among friends attending St. Joe he lists three—Edward Alles, Tom Berger, and Bill Krodel—all of them from Jasper. Apparently Maurie has been "talking it up."

The knights, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars vie for Maurie's spare time. He served forty months in the Air Corps, Asiatic theatre, attached to the 317th Troop Carrier Group.

Raleigh Grooms, Grows

With the addition of a room 42x45 feet in dimensions, the Raleigh Club is being increased to more than twice its former size. To the two former rooms in the north-west end of the north wing of Science Hall the upper half of what was Turner Hall has been added.

HENRY KAUFFMANN

TOM SCOLLARD

GEORGE ELLSPERMANN

TED SWIERCZEK

THESE FOUR VETERANS are veterans in more ways than one. They are veteran service men, veteran St. Joe students, and veteran Puma gridders. Each was in the starting lineup of the 1942 undefeated conference championship team. Each is back in his old position. Kauffmann is at right guard; Scollard, at right end; Ellspermann, at left half, and Captain Swierczek at right half. All are seniors. Photos of other "old timers," once alumni, again students, will be run next month.

Scharf's Pumas Back after Rest

The St. Joseph College Pumas took up on October 5, 1946, exactly where they had left off on November 21, 1942.

Their 7-0 victory over Valparaiso University on the Crusaders' field was reminiscent of a similar Saturday afternoon when they defeated Valpo on the Crusaders' field and then discontinued football for the duration of hostilities.

The touchdown play came in the final minute of the first half when George Ellspermann sprinted wide around right end from the four-yard line. He registered the extra point with a placement. It was the same hard-running Ellspermann who had scored the final touchdown for the Pumas before they traded cleats for G. I. shoes and headgears for steel helmets.

The victory was a pleasant way for the Pumas to return to intercollegiate competition, and a fine gift to Dick Scharf in his first college game as head coach. It makes the record book read 19 victories and three ties for the past 22 games.

Bears Roar Away Good Luck Remains

With the cry, "Good luck St. Joe," the Chicago Bears rolled away from the campus in busses September 27, en route to open their National League season with what turned out to be a victory over the Green Bay Packers.

The Puma gridiron took a beating when three teams—professional, college, and academy—used it for drills.

Four of Family in Service One Prevents Future Wars

Without the Jacobs family of 3803 Sheridan Road, Kenosha, Wisc., the allies might not have won the war. Father Lawrence, '13-'17, a veteran of the First World War, was an inspector for three and one half years at the Nash Kelvinator Corp., which built Pratt and Whitney aircraft engines. In civilian life, Larry provides for your widow after your death.

Two of his sons—Peter and Charles— were in the Pacific theatre of action. His daughter Catherine was a WAC. Commissioned a navy flyer, Pete was later made a deck officer on an LST, which was wrecked in a typhoon off Japan; he was wrecked again in Buckner Bay, Okinawa.

Charlie, also in the Navy, was on the USS Simms. The two brothers met eight times at Okinawa. Catherine spent most of her twenty-two months in service at Crile Hospital, Cleveland. She is at present at Mundelein College Chicago. Peter is attending Loyola, Chicago; Charles, Beloit College, Beloit, Wisc.

As a preventive against future wars, another son, John who has enrolled at Loras College, is at present in the Army.

Academy Wins Two Ties One, Loses One

The St. Joe Academy football team defeated South Bend Catholic 26-0 and Rensselaer 13-0. It lost to Lowell 7-0 and tied Noll high, of Hammond, 0-0.

Meet the Challenger Wide Open Stakes

The contest is on. Please wait with the betting until Homecoming so that the editor can hold the stakes. Any odds accepted—the wider the better.

Writes John B. Wolf, '11-'15, of the Fidelity Trust Company, Indianapolis (Business address: 123 East Market St.):

> **It has been a long time since I was a student, and I don't boast of having an unusual memory; but I wonder how many of the boys of my days at St. Joe can recite the smoking rule.**

John sets down the rule and insists that he did not have an old college catalog from which to copy it. He even admits that the many times he copied that rule during student days may be the reason he has acquired a fairly good penmanship.

Write, wire, or call either at his office or at his home address, 5104 Kenwood, Zone 8. (Editor will not accept Bribes.)

John Sells Insurance

The insurance business has attracted **John J. Wunderlich, '39-'43**, of 308 Johnson St., Aurora, Ind., since he returned from military service. Besides his college work here, John completed six semesters in the Navy V-12 program. He mustered out as a Seaman 1/c after thirty-two months in uniform.

Sad Funeral For Father Joe

The first time Father Joseph Wonderley, '13-'16, gets serious will be at the funeral of the editor; for then Father Joe will have to become accustomed to an entirely new type of questionnaire. That time may be soon unles the pastor of Cedar Lake (Ind.) stops punning on the questions asked.

During the war, as a civilian Father Joe "saved a little kitchen fat" and, though he wasn't wounded, forced down or adrift at sea, nor a prisoner, he did "listen to one of Roosevelt's talks." Sabotage, conspiracy, sedition almost!

The seventy-six boys and eighty girls of Holy Name parish, guided by Father Joe, need not fear his rank. Indignantly, he retorts, "Who said I was?" Neither are the Pumas, Father.

Jubilarian Recovers

A month or more ago, Father Bart Besinger, '91-'96, one of this year's golden jubilarians, suffered a severe coronary attack. He rallied and is improving steadily. Father Bart is being relieved of his chaplain duties at St. Joseph's Home, Kenosha, Wisc., by Father Joseph Biegler, C.PP.S., '25-'26.

Writing Sept. 26, Lawrence Jacobs says of Father Bart:

> **I see him quite often. He was a very sick man, strep throat, but last week when I visited him at St. Catherine's Hospital he was getting along well and should soon leave there.**

Do You? . . . . .

We Take His Word

We take his word for it. Charles F. (Rusty) Scheidler, '28-'34, founded the Monogram Club. He admits that he had the help of Joe Fontana, a classmate, and the fine cooperation of the Rev. Albin J. Scheidler, C.PP.S., '99-'05, procurator of the college at the time.

Doubtlessly Father Scheidler paid the bills, for Joe couldn't have been cashiering for the Louisville Water Works at that time. Maybe that's how Joe got his flare for publicizing, however; remember how he did business with Metro-Goldwin-Mayer during war days?

The two of them—Rusty and Joe—set up the new furniture Father Scheidler bought, and then the Monogram Club elected Rusty first president. Politics! Rusty is a K of C; president of the Kiwanis Club of Greensburg, Ind.; member of the Elks, Chamber of Commerce, Junior C of C; and past president of the Indiana Association of Ice Industries.

With his wife and two children, a son and a daughter, Rusty lives at 421 N. Franklin St. Greensburg. Fontana? Not a word about him until we open his questionnaire.

Siamese Twin Lambs One of Lab Curios

Drop in at the biology laboratory when you come down for Homecoming. You will find it well equipped. You will also find hundreds of photographs, taken and mounted by Father John Baechle, and a small museum of curiosities.

One is the Siamese twins— Caeserian lambs. Discovered in the spring of 1944, this freak was mounted under the direction of Father Baechle, who placed it on exhibit in the lab. All hind legs and two of the forelegs are in walking position. The other two front legs extend from the undeveloped head of the second lamb. Only the ears of this head are developed.

The June, 1946 issue of The Journal of Heredity (page 182) carries a half-page picture of the monstrosity. Pathfinder of September 25 (page 32) runs a smaller view.

Meet Frank G. Kraft On Homecoming Day

If you were on the campus between '23 and '25, you will want to have a reunion with Frank G. Kraft, New Albany, Ind. Frank is bringing his wife and, in his own words, "two prospective students who are growing up while he is growing old." He has a large room reserved in Hotel Rensselaer.

James Shields In Trooper Role

Fort Wayne, Ind., Oct. 8—James Shields, former Merchant Marine officer and a newcomer to this city, will handle the role of State Trooper Brendle in the current Civic Theatre production, "Papa Is All," opening this coming Thursday evening at the community playhouse for a four-day run.

Shields, '41-'43, ran the mile and two-mile events in a track meet held in the spring of 1942 when he was a student at St. Joseph's, winning in his division and receiving a letter award. While in the Marines he received a medal and the congratulations of his commander for carrying off the quarter-mile-dash trophy at Stewart Field.

Born in Buffalo, N. Y., Shields was more recently a native of Fostoria, Ohio. He spent nearly four years as an ensign in the Merchant Marines. Living at 1603 Schilling Ave., Zone 7, Ft. Wayne, he is employed as an account executive with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner, and Beane. This marks his debut behind the footlights.

Ben T. Wathen, '42 Wants Sports News

From St. Joseph's, Benedict J. Wathen, '41-'42, went to Bowling Green Business University, where he obtained his bachelor of science degree in accounting. Ben is employed by the Standard Publishing Co., of Bardstown, Ky., as bookkeeper and accountant.

A friend of George Ellspermann and Heine Kauffmann, now on the campus, Ben asked for some of the copies of Stuff that have sports news in them. All of them do; Ben will receive all.

James III Rules As King of Hearts

James III came at 2:45 a. m., Sept. 25. It's Sheehans we're writing about, not kings of England, although the little fellow is King of Hearts down at the corner of East Harrison and Melville, Rensselaer.

Had he been a girl like his older sister, not quite two, he would have been a bundle of loveliness and fluffiness. Because he's a boy, he has come to carry on the tradition of the Sheehans of Detroit—James Patrick I, '07-'10; James Patrick II, '41-'43 and '46-'? Like father, like son; James Patrick III will register at St. Joseph's in 1964.

FATHER ROBERT W. CONTANT, '39-'41, ordained Sept. 22, awaits his first appointment in the Diocese of Fort Wayne. He is the son of Henry F. Contant, '10-'13, of 820 N. W. B. St., Richmond, Indiana., present first vice-president of the alumni association.

Joseph F. Bower Makes Brush Call

A brush call is what Joseph F. Bower, '38-'40, made the other morning as he was rushing by on a business project with a partner. He wanted the address of a fellow alumnus and classmate, one Thomas T. Taylor, '34-'40. So do we want that address.

Joe is employed by Standard Oil in Whiting, Ind., as an automotive engineer. He lives at 6922 Van Buren Ave., Hammond. In the war he was an engineering officer for three years, remaining states side.

Four Study Abroad

Four priests of the Precious Blood Comunity left this country Sept. 27 to begin postgraduate studies at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland.

They are Fathers Andrew Pollak, '25-'29, and George Lubeley, '35-'39, who are to study theology; Father William Kramer, '35-'39, who will major in chemistry; and Father Robert Lechner, '38-'42, who will specialize in social philosophy.

Faculty Tea Party Held for GI Wives

The faculty of St. Joseph's entertained married students and their wives at a tea Sunday afternoon, October 6, in the college dining hall.

Guests of honor were: Mr. and Mrs. James Bogan, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Caston, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Causland, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. John Goetz, Mr. and Mrs. Vestal Nicholas, Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Nowak, and Mr. and Mrs. James Sheehan.

Phase Editor Has Selling Job

An ardent promoter of the first volume of Phase, St. Joseph's yearbook, which made its appearance in 1941, W. E. Herber, '37-'41, is employed by W. L. Stensgaard & Associates, Inc., Chicago. Stensgaards are specialists in Merchandise Presentation.

Bill is preparing for the position of account executive with the firm. "It's a fascinating job with the leading firm in the field." he writes, "so I am well satisfied with life except for the price of groceries." So say we, all of us!

With the Marine Corps while in service, Bill was separated last October, holding the rank of First Lieutenant. He and his wife Kathleen live with their two children at 1443 W. Highland, Chicago 26, Ill. The boy, William Jr., "will attend St. Joe in due time."

You will meet Bill come Homecoming. In anticipation he expresses this thought:

I've found that the many days spent at St. Joe were wonderful days, and that age merely enriches their memory for me."

One Notable Attends Peru Homecoming

Peru, Ind. had a homecoming in mid-September. Johnny (Ole) Olsen, the town's contribution to the Olsen and Johnson comedy team, attended. So did His Excellency, the Most Rev. W. R. Arnold, D.D., '96-'02.

Next morning the Indianapolis Star carried a front-page, three-column picture of the event, with His Excellency pointing an accusing finger at the fun maker, who held what appeared to be a bottle of Schiltz in his right hand, and what might have been a box of pretzels in the other.

Hoodlums Don't Harass Hammond

You never see the headline, "Hoodlums Harass Hammond." John P. Ratasczak, '19-'22, is not only on the police force there; he's President of the Indiana State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police, an honor received at the convention held in Indianapolis last June.

Three years ago Mr. Ratasczak completed his second term as Grand Knight of Unity Council 726, Knights of Columbus of Hammond. Also a member of the Lions Club, he lives at 904 Highland St.